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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT DINNER

REF: SECTO 21 (BRUSSELS 9714)

THERE FOLLOWS DRAFT CU BRIEFING MEMO ON THIS SUBJECT

WITH ATTACHMENTS A AND B -- GUEST LIST, REMARKS:

YOUR PARTICIPATION AT DINNER IN HONOR OF SENATOR AND
MRS. FULBRIGHT, HOSTED BY BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER HAVE ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN
LYLE M. NELSON'S INVITATION AS HIS PERSONAL GUESTS TO
A DINNER HOSTED BY THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS
IN HONOR OF SENATOR AND MRS. FULBRIGHT TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, AT THE WOODROW WILSON
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS OF THE SMITHSONIAN
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INSTITUTION.

2. THE BOARD, A PRESIDENTIALLY-APPOINTED BODY OF
TWELVE MEMBERS ESTABLISHED FIRST UNDER THE FULBRIGHT

ACT OF 1946 AND CONTINUED UNDER THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS ACT OF 1961, SETS THE POLICIES GOVERNING ACADEMIC EXCHANGES HERE AND ABROAD, AND SELECTS THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS PARTICIPATING IN EXCHANGES UNDER THE ACT.

3. MORE THAN 115,000 AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING 126 COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN AWARDED GRANTS TO STUDY, TEACH, DO RESEARCH AND LECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

4. THE EVENT WILL BE THE BOARD'S OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF ITS GRATITUDE AND THAT OF PAST BOARDS TO THE MAN WHO CONCEIVED THIS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND HAS BEEN ITS STAUNCHEST SUPPORTER IN THE CONGRESS FOR 28 YEARS.

5. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. WITH COCKTAILS IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BUILDING, 1000 JEFFERSON DRIVE, S.W. (MAP PROVIDED AT TAB E, ATTACHED), WITH DINNER IN THE LIBRARY AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE CLOSE OF THE DINNER (APPROXIMATELY 9:15 P.M.), THE CHAIRMAN WILL MAKE A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE BOARD'S DINNER IN TRIBUTE TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND THEN INTRODUCE YOU, REQUESTING THAT YOU MAKE SOME BRIEF REMARKS AND PRESENT A SCROLL OF APPRECIATION TO THE SENATOR IN BEHALF OF PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE TEXT OF THE CITATION SIGNED BY 9 FORMER CHAIRMEN AND THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN IS AT TAB D. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR REMARKS ARE AT TAB B. THE CHAIRMAN WILL THEN MAKE CONCLUDING REMARKS OF APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND PRESENT THE SENATOR WITH A COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM. THE SENATOR WILL THEN BE ASKED TO RESPOND.

6. A LIST OF THE 28 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE DINNER IS ATTACHED AS TAB A WITH A SEATING PLAN AT TAB C. A DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE PRESENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD. DRESS WILL BE INFORMAL WITH BUSINESS SUITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FOR THE MEN AND GOWNS OR STREET LENGTH DRESSES FOR THE WOMEN.

ATTACHMENTS:

TAB A - LIST OF ATTENDEES
TAB B - SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

7. ACCEPTANCE LIST:

LYLE M. NELSON

MRS. NELSON

JAMES H. BILLINGTON

MRS. BILLINGTON

JOHN E. DOLIBOIS

MRS. DOLIBOIS

LANE DWINELL

DAVID M. LISSY

MRS. LISSY

MISS MARTHA T. MACE

DONALD S. LOWITZ

JAMES D. THEBERGE

MRS. THEBERGE

DUNCAN WIMPRESS

ANNE PANNELL TAYLOR

MR. GEORGE A. TAYLOR
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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS: (CU)

JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.

MRS. RICHARDSON

WILLIAM K. HITCHCOCK

RALPH H. VOGEL

MISS MARIA A. STEVENS

MRS. ELSIE T. OPPENHEIM

MR. DANIEL P. OPPENHEIM

8. REMARKS:

9. WE ARE HERE TONIGHT TO HONOR THE MOST FAMOUS SENATOR

OF OUR TIME, A MAN WHO HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LONGER THAN ANYONE IN OUR
NATION'S HISTORY, AND A NAME WHICH HAS BEEN INTIMATELY
BOUND UP WITH THE COURSE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE
WORLD WAR II. A MAN WHO YEARS AGO ADVOCATED MEASURES
WHICH NOW HAVE FOUND EXPRESSION IN OUR POLICY OF DETENTE,
IN OUR CHINA POLICY, IN OUR EVEN-HANDED POLICY TOWARD THE
MIDDLE EAST.

10. BUT IN ADDITION TO HONORING THE SERVICE AND LEADER-
SHIP OF A MASTERFUL AMERICAN STATESMAN, WE ALSO ARE HERE
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TO MARK AN ACHIEVEMENT SINGULAR IN ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR
OUR TIME. FOR AS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN
SCHOLARSHIPS ATTEST BY THEIR PRESENCE WE ALSO ARE HERE
TO HONOR A CAREER WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO AN
INSTITUTION. AN INSTITUTION WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO
BENEFIT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY AND ENHANCE
THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND SENSE OF WORLD
COMMUNITY FOR WHICH WE STRIVE.

11. THERE IS A BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT SUBTITLED
"A PUBLIC PHILOSOPHER." AND IN HIS BOOK, THE PUBLIC
PHILOSOPHY, WALTER LIPPmann NOTED THAT IF WE ARE TO
ATTEMPT TO AVOID ERROR WE MUST DEAL WITH WHAT LIPPmann
CALLED "THE PICTURES IN PEOPLE'S HEADS" -- THE MAN-MADE
CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH IDEAS ARE EFFICACIOUS. IT
IS SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S ACHIEVEMENT IN THIS REALM THAT WE

PAY TRIBUTE TO TONIGHT, AND IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT WE
UNDERSTAND SENATOR CHURCH'S REMARK THAT "WHEN ALL OF US
ARE DEAD, THE ONLY ONE THEY'LL REMEMBER IS BILL FULBRIGHT."

12. THERE IS LITTLE DIFFICULTY FOR US IN IDENTIFYING
MOMENTS IN THE PAST WHEN THE COURSE OF HISTORY HAS BEEN

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ALTERED; WHEN HUMANITY HAS DEPARTED FROM ITS WELL-MARKED

ROUTE TO SET OUT IN A NEW DIRECTION: THE FIFTH CENTURY

B.C., THE TWELFTH CENTURY, THE RENAISSANCE, THE GREAT

MODERN REVOLUTIONS. BUT IT IS PAINFULLY DIFFICULT FOR

THOSE WHO LIVE DURING SUCH TIMES OF CHANGE TO DISCERN THE

EMERGING PATTERN OF THE FUTURE AMID THE TRIUMPHS AND

FAILURES, ISSUES AND FASHIONS OF THE DAY. AND AMONG THOSE

WHO POSSESS SUCH FORESIGHT, THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL

WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSLATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING

INTO PRACTICAL PROGRAMS CAPABLE OF INFLUENCING THE FUTURE.

IN A WORLD IN WHICH SO MANY FORCES SEEM UNCONTROLLABLE,

IT IS THIS GIFT WHICH GIVES US CAUSE TO HOPE. FOR THIS

IS THE ONLY WAY -- WHETHER IN SCIENCE, IN GOVERNMENT, OR

THROUGH THE ARTS -- THAT WE CAN SHAPE EVENTS TO BRING

COMMON BENEFITS AND AVOID DISASTER.

13. SENATOR FULBRIGHT IS ONE OF THAT HANDFUL OF PEOPLE

WHO SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO PERCEIVED THE EVOLUTION OF

WORLD AFFAIRS TOWARD INTERDEPENDENCE. BUT HE ALSO

RECOGNIZED THAT THE DRAMATICALLY ACCELERATING PACE OF

INTERACTION AMONG PEOPLES AND INSTITUTIONS WOULD NOT

NECESSARILY LEAD TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OR COOPERATION.

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FOR WITHOUT INTELLIGENT AND HUMANE GUIDANCE AND CONCERN,

SUCH ACTIVITY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BRING INCREASED

TENSION AND HOSTILITY AND THE MULTIPLICATION OF ISSUES

GENERATING CONFLICT.

14. LIKE GENERAL MARSHALL AND FEW OTHER STATESMEN OF

OUR TIME, SENATOR FULBRIGHT SOUGHT TO PROVIDE A PRACTICAL

MEANS OF DEALING WITH A CHANGING WORLD. IT WAS A LEAP

INTO THE FUTURE -- AN EXPANSIVE CONCEPT FOUNDED UPON A

GLOBAL VISION PUT FORTH AT A TIME WHEN NATIONS WERE

EXHAUSTED BY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND WHEN SUCH

CONCEPTS WERE EASY TARGETS OF ATTACK.

15. IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECALL THAT IDEAS AND INSTITUTIONS

WHICH WE NOW TAKE FOR GRANTED WERE SO DIFFICULT TO

CONCEIVE AND BRING INTO BEING. BRILLIANT IN ITS SIMPLICI-

TY, SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S CONCEPT HAS WEATHERED YEARS OF

CHANGES IN OUR NATION'S AND THE WORLD'S POLITICAL

CLIMATE. NURTURED ORIGINALLY BY THE SALE OF WAR MATERIALS

FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND INITIALLY FOCUSED ON

EXCHANGES WITH EUROPE, THE PROGRAM NOW IS TRULY GLOBAL

INVOLVING 122 COUNTRIES AND OPERATES ON A BUDGET OF OVER

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50 MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS EACH YEAR.

16. SOME 15 YEARS AGO SENATOR FULBRIGHT SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM HAD RECONCILED HIM TO "ALL THE DIFFICULTIES OF POLITICAL LIFE." HE SAID, "IT'S THE ONE ACTIVITY THAT GIVES ME HOPE THAT THE HUMAN RACE WON'T COMMIT SUICIDE, THOUGH I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT." WHILE THE INTERVENING YEARS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE STILL CANNOT COUNT ON IT, SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S ACHIEVEMENT CONTINUES TO BE A SOURCE OF HOPE FOR US. AT A TIME WHEN THE TECHNOLOGIES OF COMMUNICATION HAVE IMPROVED FASTER THAN OUR ABILITY TO ASSIMILATE THE CONSEQUENCES, AND AT A TIME WHEN THE MULTIPLICATION OF DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES AND PREDISPOSITIONS HAS COMPLICATED THE TASK OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS IN MATTERS OF WORLDWIDE CONCERN, SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BOND PEOPLE THROUGH EDUCATION AND TO BUILD THE HABITS OF COOPERATION UPON WHICH INTERDEPENDENCE MUST REST.

17. OUR POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GROUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLE THAT REAL COOPERATION TOWARD HUMAN COMMUNITY REQUIRES INTERCHANGE WITH ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LIVE. WHAT WE WANT IS AN END TO THE SUSPICION, ARROGANCE AND RESENTMENT WHICH IN THE PAST HAS HINDERED OUR PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL. WE SEEK THE DISCOVERY OF EXPERIENCE COMMON TO US ALL, THE BEGINNINGS OF COHERENCE AS WE LOOK OUT ON THE WORLD AROUND US -- AND THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE. WITH THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BARRIERS OF TIME AND SPACE WHICH
ONCE SEPARATED OUR CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES THE POSSIBILI-
TY NOW EXISTS FOR A NEW ALLIANCE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. I
BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCEED IF ENOUGH OF US, INSPIRED BY THE
PIONEERING ACHIEVEMENT OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT, COMMIT
OURSELVES TO THE SEARCH FOR WAYS TO CONVERT A FRAGMENTED
AND DISPIRITED PLANET INTO A DYNAMIC AND HUMANE WORLD
COMMUNITY. THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER SO MUCH ONE OF
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